

**KANKAKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 111  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
October 3, 2018**

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Kankakee School District No. 111, Kankakee County, Illinois, was held at 5:32 p.m. at Lincoln Cultural Center, 240 Warren Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois.

Special Meeting

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

Members present: Mary Archie  
Christopher Bohlen  
Angela Shea, Secretary  
Barbara A. Wells, President  
Darrell Williams

Members absent: Jess Gathing, Jr. (\*entered at 5:36 PM)

A quorum was declared present.

Meeting with the Board was:

Robert Grossi, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Kathleen O'Connor, Assistant Superintendent  
Vicki Scott, Recording Secretary

News reporter, David Giuliani, was present from *The Daily Journal*.

Barbara Wells, Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

There were no public comments.

Public Comments

**New Business**

1. Discussion of Board Seat

Board Seat

President Wells stated that Karen Johnston, Vice President, has resigned from the Board. She thanked Ms. Johnston for her service and told her it was a pleasure having her on the Board. President Wells said the Board will need to replace Ms. Johnston as well as elect a vice president. She asked the Board if they would like to look at the previous applications from April and they agreed to do so. She read the Board policy on appointing a Board member and questioned how long the Board should allow others to apply for the seat. The consensus was a two-week deadline. Ms. Scott was asked to contact the individuals who applied for the vacant seat in April.

**Consent Agenda**

The following personnel items were presented for approval:

| Name   | Position                               | Effective Date        |
|--|--|-----------------------|
| <b>Resignation - Licensed Educational Professional</b>   |  |                       |
| Christina Freeman  | Physical Education Teacher at King     | October 1, 2018       |
| <b>Resignations - Support Personnel</b>                  |  |                       |
| Kirsten Fletcher   | Cafeteria Helper at KJHS               | September 26, 2018    |
| Alma Vazquez   | Paraprofessional at LCC                | September 24, 2018    |
| <b>Appointments - Licensed Educational Professionals</b> |  |                       |
| Stella Chingas   | Academic Interventionist at Mark Twain | October 15, 2018      |
| Andrew Morris  | Permanent Substitute at KHS            | October 1, 2018       |
| <b>Appointments - Support Personnel</b>                  |  |                       |
| Ashlee Ekhoﬀ   | Social Worker Intern at Avis Huff      | 2018-2019 School Year |
| Karen Johnston   | Transportation Director at LCC         | October 4, 2018       |

Consent Agenda

Personnel

Resignations

Appointments

Motion was made by Gathing, seconded by Williams, to approve the above listed consent agenda items as presented.

Mr. Bohlen said he has some comments on the transportation director's position. He said he couldn't imagine a better person to take on the bus company than Karen Johnston. She is smart, tough, and aggressive and will protect our students. His concern is public perception when someone is appointed from the Board to an employed position for the District that they are a member of, that the perception will be that they will always have a leg up to get the appointment. He said he cannot change that perception, but publicly he would like to ask if the position was posted publicly so other people could apply. Dr. O'Connor explained that the position was posted publicly and then passed out an information sheet of facts on the hiring of the transportation director. A discussion followed with Dr. O'Connor and Mr. Grossi addressing their concerns.

ROLL CALL VOTE--Ayes: Archie, Bohlen, Gathing, Shea, Williams, and Wells. Nays: none. Motion carried.

**November 8, 2018, Board Workshop**

President Wells polled the Board members on the time they would like to meet for the Special Board Meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. It was decided upon that the Board will meet from 1:00-5:00 PM at Lincoln Cultural Center.

Special Board Meeting

At 6:16 p.m., a motion was made by Bohlen, seconded by Williams, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

Adjourn

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Barbara A. Wells, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela F. Shea, Secretary

vs

**Approved: October 9, 2018**